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Larry - Thanks much for the article. I'll use it in the annish in May - it'll cause a stir, I hope.

Best,  
*Glenn*

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**Jihad!**

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### Opening Guns

Thanks to all of you who wrote in with the words of encouragement after last month's blockbuster issue. It makes the effort of all that typing seem that much more worthwhile...and so does that flow of sub checks. My circulation jumped 26.9% this month - up to where I may be flirting with the century mark soon. This is a whole lot farther than I figured I'd be now when this rag started.

Growth brings with it new problems, though, and I'm doing my best to adapt. My correspondence backlog (HRs, variant rules and the like) is almost gone now; though my positions in some of the games I'm playing may be beyond salvation.

While there's dozens of games I'd like to run in JIHAD, sooner or later a limit is reached. I'm coming within sight of mine, so I'll go ahead and say something I don't completely like to say - I won't be announcing any new openings until something closes down. Burnout is the ever-present disease that catches up with and slays countless new zines, but JIHAD will not be one of its victims. An ounce of prevention...

Woolworth Diplomacy, published in JIHAD #10, has met with an enthusiastic reception - to my astonishment, the game filled in a single month AND I have extra players who have registered for it... This is just one of three games beginning in this issue - the other two are the second section of A Mighty Fortress and the variant North America: 2020.

The feature article this month is a bit shorter than normal - it concerns the Origins Awards for what is euphemistically called "adventure gaming". I've reproduced the nominations ballot on pages 12 and 13 so that those of you who are interested can put in your 2¢ worth.

Also worthy of note is the Hobby Mascot poll being conducted by Mike Conner of Lone Star Diplomat. I've reproduced part of Mike's article about the nominees on pages 11 and 14.

The Press Game of Diplomacy (1981 C) is off to a worthy three-page start...and most of the other normal features are here, too. Let's get with it.

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### Hobby Census

I'm still collecting mailing lists for the 1981 North American Dip Hobby Census - from now until April 15th.

In addition to the lists named last month, I have lists from JUST AMONG FRIENDS, WHITESTONIA, TER-RAN, DIPLOMACY DIGEST, DIPLOMAC, RUNESTONE, BATOCHE, PASSCHENDAELE, VOLKERWANDERUNG, MURD'RING MINISTERS, RETALIATION, and THE DOGS OF WAR. (I hope I haven't missed any...)

If you publish a Dipzine and haven't yet sent me your mailing list, PLEASE send me one. I need the voluntary cooperation of at least 85-90% of zine publishers for this to be something other than wasted effort.

Also, I could still use some plugs for this project, as gentle reminders to those persons I don't normally reach with JIHAD. I'm sending out a letter, too, but every little bit helps.

Thanks to everyone who has helped so far.

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### R.I.P.

Several folds or potential folds have come to my attention recently. The most distressing are the announced winding down and eventual folding of Why Me? (Lee Kendter) and Volkerwanderung (Bob Arnett) - two of the hobby's top 10 zines which will both be sorely missed.

Other recent folds include Eggnog (Konrad Baumeister), Ruritania (Iony Watson), Power and the Glory (Claude Gauthier; the first of the Class of '80 to go), and Toronto Telegram (Bill LaFosse) - all either gone or going. It's kind of sad, but it happens to everybody sometime.

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New Blood - The Class of '81 opens with Europa Express, Klepto Mania, and The White Duke (the last of which is plugged herein). Take heart!

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Game Openings are available in the following:

Regular Diplomacy - \$2.00 gamefee. Seven players - three registered.

International Regular Diplomacy - \$5.00 gamefee for players outside USA only. USA players should not send money, as I will be inviting players to fill the game from among those interested. Seven players - two registered. Six week deadlines.

Bourse - \$3.50 gamefee. No limit on players - two registered.

Bourse is an economic game attached to a game of regular Diplomacy (in this case, the international game.) Players speculate in the currencies of the seven Diplomacy powers. You may NOT play in both the Bourse and the attached Dip game.

I'll be publishing Bourse rules in the next issue of JIHAD.

Mercator III - \$3.00 gamefee. Thirteen players - eleven registered. Six week deadlines.

Mercator III is a worldwide Diplomacy variant designed by British hobbyist Doug Wakefield. The game is a very large and somewhat complex variant, but it is also noted for very fluid positions and a board where no player can place the edge behind them (like Turkey in regular). These factors combine to make up some VERY nasty possible stabs...

The Song of the Night - \$6.00 gamefee. Five players - four registered.

Lewis Pulsipher designed this fantasy Dip variant, which includes most of the features of good fantasy literature...heroes, wizards, spell-casting, encounters, non-human races and treasures are all to be found here. A particularly good choice for a Dipper who also enjoys fantasy role-playing games. (The high gamefee includes a copy of Lew's book Diplomacy Games and Variants, which is needed for play.)

Guest GMed Regular Diplomacy

I suppose it was inevitable - the anniversary issue of JIHAD in May will mark the debut of the subzine From Women Only, edited and published by the female Dippers in this household, mother Jeri and sister Pamela.

FWO will carry one game of regular Dip GMed by Jeri. The gamefee is \$5, unless you're a friend of Jeri's or Pam's, in which case said fee is negotiable. (Don't laugh - that's what they said!) One player has already registered.

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The opening announced last issue in Rod Walker's 2001 variant has been suspended. Refunds are on their way.

This is due to my picking up the orphaned variant game 1980Icv, a Youngstown game formerly of Greg Costikyan's Urf Durfal.

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Standby Lists

Diplomacy: Verheiden, D'Alessandro, Kelly, Mercer, Steagall, Moir,  
Shaddix, Palter, Larzelere  
A Mighty Fortress: Thornsens, Shaddix  
Machiavelli: Davies-Morris  
Variants: Mercer

Standbys are ALWAYS welcomed. Just tell me if you want your name on (or off) this list. No fee is charged to standbys - you're doing me - and the players - a favor by volunteering.

SPECIAL: I need up to five standbys specifically for the Youngstown variant, to fill in if people drop from the orphan 1980Icv. Players who join this list and play when called up will get a three-issue sub extension.

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Games Coming Up as other games close: Wooden Ships and Iron Men (3X3), the Dip variant Anarchy (34 players!), the British fantasy game Sorcerer's Cave, and one or two other surprises. Stay tuned...

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A Mighty Fortress 8101GAMESTART

Yes, my friends...it's time for all hell to cut loose in Europe once again.

Welcome to JIHAD's second game of A Mighty Fortress. The players are:

England: Debbie Osborne, 7804 Penrod, Detroit, MI 48228  
 France: R. Lee McConnell, 6811 Sharon Ct, Columbus, OH 43229  
 Hapsburgs: William Osmanson, 1015 Union St, Morris, IL 60450  
 Lutherans: Sharon Bratcher, 13 S Lynnwood Ave, Glenside, PA 19038  
 Ottomans: Steven Davies-Morris, 174 Roanoke Rd #34, El Cajon, CA 92020  
 Papacy: Michael Crane, Jr., 219 Ridgewood Dr, Northfield, NJ 08225

All of you should have my houserules by now, so there isn't a whole lot else to say....EXCEPT that I'm going to try one innovation in this game. Instead of assigning you variable victory conditions by lot, each player who has variable VCs may pick which set they wish to use. Your choice is due with your 1532 orders by 10:30 p.m. EST on Monday, March 23, 1981. If you fail to choose your VCs, I'll presume that you're using the Historical Set 1.

Good luck...

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North America: 2020GAMESTART

It is now June of the year 2020. Just three years ago, the final part of the breakup of North America began when a magnitude 9.7 earthquake sent most of what used to be California into the Pacific Ocean.

The economic dislocation was immense - until finally the regions of America went their separate ways, each unwilling to shoulder the others' burdens. Furthermore, the tremendous stresses also increased tensions between Canada and a long-independent Quebec. The stage has been set...

and seven players have registered for an opportunity to continue the story line, for good or ill:

Canada: Steven Davies-Morris, 174 Roanoke Rd #34, El Cajon, CA 92020  
 C.S.A.: Marion Bates, PO Box 381, Kalkaska, MI 49646  
 Deseret: Mike Scott, 1726 Cypress Circle, La Verne, CA 91750  
 Mexico: David Anderson, 3281 Goldner, Detroit, MI 48210  
 Quebec: Debbie Osborne, 7804 Penrod, Detroit, MI 48228  
 Texas: Don Swartz, 2549 Glenmary Av #2, Louisville, KY 40204  
 U.S.A.: Greg Stewart, 618 Short Dickey Ave, Greenfield, OH 45123

All of you now have the map and rules.

Deadline for June 2020 builds in your home centers (fleets and armies only - no H) is 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 1981. If I fail to get a player's builds, I'll build all armies before calling a standby.

Don't forget to read the rules closely. One major problem in variants is the player who tries something that can't be done, or fails to do or allow for that which is required.

I'll be very interested to see how my creation plays postally. Give it your best shot, OK?

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Jihad's First Anniversary issue is coming...and a 44 page issue is planned as a celebration. I have excellent contributions from Brown, Peery, and Pulsipher(?) - could use more, including a non-Dip feature or two. The annish goes out on May 1st, so if you have goodies for me, hurry...I need all the time I can get to type it (slowly).

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Woolworth DiplomacyGAMESTART

Two variant gamestarts in one issue? I think I'm gonna faint!

Five players have registered for this game, which was published just last month in JIHAD #10. They are:

England: David Anderson, 3281 Goldner, Detroit, MI 48210  
 France: Fred C. Davis Jr., 1427 Clairidge Rd, Baltimore, MD 21207  
 Italy: Daniel S. Palter, 123 Grove Ave, Suite 100, Cedarhurst, NY 11516  
 Scandinavia: Mark Luedi, 8314 Apothecary, Houston, TX 77064  
 Spain: Steven Davies-Morris, 174 Roanoke Rd #34, El Cajon, CA 92020  
 Austria, Balkans, Germany, Russia, and Turkey have secretly been assigned to the five players - one Power per player.

Deadline for Spring 01 orders is 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 1981. Good luck to all of you.

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Machiavelli 8001Summer, 1513

All Orders Succeed - Italy Avoids Conflicts as She Recuperates From the Plague...

Expenditures: None.

Austria (William Osmanson): A1 TYROLEA s austria; A2 AUSTRIA s tyrolea; A3 MESSINA holds; A5 TRENT besieges; F2 gon a IONIAN; F3 wm a TUNIS.

France (Larry Boudon): A2 SAVOY besieges; F1 wgol a EGOL; A1 piancenza a FORNOVA.

Milan (Steve D'Alessandro): A3 swiss a IURIN; A4 modena a MANTUA.

Papacy (Clark Reynolds): A1 sienna a PISA; A2 perugia a SPOLETO; A3 bologna a FLORENCE; g1 ANCONA to A5.

Turks (Don Del Grande): A2 hungary a SLAVONIA; F1 la a DALMATIA.

Venice (Mike Scott): A1 vicenza a VERONA; A2 friuli a CARNIOLA; F1 ua a LA; F2 venice a LAGOON.

Autonomous garrisons remain in Arezzo, Florence, Montferrat, Piombino, Ragusa, Savoy (besieged), Sienna, Trent (besieged), Turin.

Deadline for Fall 1513 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, March 26 1981. Press follows.

Turks to GM - WHAT HAPPENED? Just because I asked for a simple explanation how I got left off PRESS DIP, why take your frustrations off on my unit. Unload those dice!

GM to World - I use my D&D death dice for Machiavelli - the ones with the skulls in place of "1".

Cremona - A fast and period of mourning has been proclaimed due to the devastating plague that has struck Italy. The severity in these parts is thought to be due to the sins of the Borgias.

Turks to Others - All right, you guys, you read the above press item...we'll show them that MACHIAVELLI press can be worth reading, too! This season, let's break out those reserve ink supplies and get pressing.

France to Italy - I realize our native tongues are different but a lack of communication isn't due to the lack of an interpreter. Allons-y!

Turks to 1981C Italy - Have fun! Being Austria in a big game like this is almost as bad as having AREA points on the line...which reminds me...

Turks to GM - Whaddyamean, you're a 1600 AREA?

GM to Berkeley - If I could play you exclusively, it would be 1800...

Venice - Offers to the mercenaries of our noble state have been well received, however we deem it best at this time to leave Austria alone and go for the neutrals...and to keep peacekeeping forces available in various places.

Turks to Everybody - I ran out of things to say...

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"The Press Game"

Spring, 1901

Austria (Kathy Byrne): a VIE-tyo; f tri-ALB; a bud-SER.

England (Arturo Guajardo): f lon-ENG; f edi-NTH; a lpl-WAL.

France (Al Pearson): a mar-SPA; a par-BUR; f bre-MID.

Germany (Jack Masters): f kie-HOL; a mun-RUH; a ber-MUN.

Italy (Gerald Carne): a VEN-tyo; a ROM-ven; f nap-TYH.

Russia (Keith Mercer): f sev-RUM; a mos-SEV; a war-UKR; f stp(sc)-FIN.

Turkey (Tom Swider): a con-BUL; a smy-CON; f ank-BLA.

Deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 25, 1981. Press follows.

Switzerland - The sudden emergence of this "Bloodsucker" woman at the reins of the Austro-Hungarian Empire has created a great deal of speculation. It was earlier rumored that she may be of Italian origin. These rumors have been recently enhanced by reports that an Imperial secretary in Vienna reported her speaking in fluent Italian in an unguarded moment.

Liechtenstein - Reports recently received from France indicate that the new French Premier "Big Al" Pearson has ordered the Louvre in Paris closed to the public.

Leisureville - Leonardo da Bruxi admits that his most famous painting (the Mona Nucleolisa that now stands in the Louvre in Paris) was painted in Milan a number of years ago from a real person. da Bruxi maintains that the painting is still rightfully his and was taken from him illegally by Bruno Caruso, who had him run out of Milan.

Sicily - Bruno Caruso (also known as "The Viper of Milan") admits that he had Leonardo da Bruxi run out of Milan several years ago. Caruso said that this was because of a dispute that he and da Bruxi had over the house rules at "The House of Doom." (The "House of Doom" being an infamous bordello in Milan formerly owned by Caruso.) Caruso further said that he confiscated the painting when da Bruxi did not abide by his "house rules" that clearly stated "pay before you play."

Sardinia - A story has recently emerged here as to how the famed da Bruxi painting of Mona Nucleolisa has ended up in Paris. A Turk named Donovan is said to have stolen it in Milan and sold it in Paris.

Memphis - Donovan has denied any connection with the Mona Nucleolisa. He says that he is "Mellow Yellow" but not a Turk. Donovan further speculates that he thinks the painting heist was done by one Tom Swider; who is a Turk and who has been known to pose as Donovan before.

Crete - Reports come in from France that on a recent Sunday afternoon, hundreds of thousands gathered outside the Louvre demanding admittance to see the Mona Nucleolisa. When informed that the people wanted to see the painting, French Premier Pearson is said to have replied, "Let them eat cake." (Whoever named this guy friendly, anyway?)

Ireland - Kaiserette Kathy Byrne of Austria selected the international Irish newspaper, Emhain Macha, to make a major proposal to the Great Powers of Europe. The Kaiserette wants the painting of the Mona Nucleolisa (now hanging in the Louvre in Paris) to hang in Whitestonia Hall in Vienna. She firmly pledged that the Austrian nation would faithfully puppet to whatever great power returns the painting to Vienna first.

Algeria - The great war in Europe appears to be starting from this African viewpoint. Massive invasions of France from England, Germany, and Italy (at least) are foreseen. Not since Helen of Troy has any woman been responsible for so much bloodshed as is about to flow on the fields and cities of France.

Austria to Russia - This is a \_\_\_\_\_ (line). Don't fill in the blank, don't pass Go, don't collect two hundred big ones! This is a

♥ - happy Valentine's Day!

Moscow to Austria - The people of Russia are unsure if they can trust an Empress with your reputation. We've been given information from the French President which confuses us. Is it only 25¢ we need for services rendered?

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Istanbul - Since the death of "The Golden Emir", the Turkish Empire has fallen into the hands of the young and spicy Sultan Pepa.

Many of the peasants were not confident in Pepa's leadership. Citizens talked about his rumored dream of becoming a musician, and his dependency on acid and hashish. However, he was wise in the ways of war and knew the secrets of persuasion. The title of Sergeant was sort of misleading, since he excels in fighting by the pen rather than the sword, but he did like leading an occasional battle or even just having fun slicing a child into pieces.

Sultan Pepa was interested in expanding the empire at the cost of European peace. Rumors have come to Pepa's ear that War between England and Russia would be breaking out, and that France and Germany will be engaged in border wars during the spring. The Sultan has also received a plea of help from her neighbor to the west, the Dual Monarchy. Since Russia hasn't sent best wishes to the new regime, he will take actions to set the problems in Russia straight. However, of prime concern to Pepa is the invasion of Bulgaria and other members of the Balkan states.

The Pepa Family to All of Europe - I'm a Pepa, he's a Pepa, she's a Pepa, they're a Pepa, wouldn't you like to be a Pepa too?

Austria to Italy - You want Trieste? You got it. You're avenging Marion's game, that's cross-gaming, and in my opinion that's disgusting!

Moscow - The Czarist government of Alexander (the Snake) Venomoski wishes to establish a long and lasting peace with all nations. To prove his sincerity in this matter he has ordered the execution of all his war advisors today.

Moscow - The Czarist government of Alexander (the Snake) Venomoski was overthrown today by his war advisors shortly after he ordered their execution. The new authority will be in the hands of General Alexander (the Snake) Venomoski, Jr., son of the deceased Czar, who after seizing power declared himself Czar of all Russia and its possessions.

Thrillsville to Hazel Park - I'll take all my JIHAD press to this game so poor little Glenn will have lots of room in AMF #1 for other junk. Too bad, I thought the adventures of the Reverend Moon could have had a few interesting developments...

Austria to Turkey - Yes, you did tell me, in your first letter you told me about Mercer in Velvet Claws, in your second letter you told me about him in JAF #1, and in your third letter you mentioned 80HW. Just think, now you can write to everyone and tell them about me and Mercer!

Austria to Turkey - Oh yeh, I forgot to finish a sentence when I said "those moves are the best I've ever seen for Austria..." It should have finished with "if Austria likes to commit suicide!"

Turkey to Germany - Pretty please move to Denmark? If you don't, I'll feel insulted!

Turkey to England - I would watch France. He and Russia might be hitting you later on. Honest Al is a nice guy, but he gives clues to the wrong people. Nothing wrong with him, but ponder upon how he got his other nickname...

Austria to Italy - If you can't afford 15¢ now - how will you put on an 18¢ stamp next month? Write me now, while the price is cheap and save a country - yours!

Thrillsville - Glenn, do draws include all survivors?

Hazel Park to Thrillsville - Only if all survivors want them to...

Turkey to Russia - You don't need a special invitation to write me!

Nothing I hate worse is a silent player, especially when he may be in a position where he can't afford not to write. Then again, maybe I'm the one that will be done for in this game.

Bloodsucker to Honest Al (cough, cough) - Sorry, but Black Jack said no when I asked him if I could move to Tyrolia and I don't want to aggravate him. However, I'm sure the Turkey will help you.

Duchess to Rusty Knight - Thanks, it's okay if your armor is rusty, but I hope your pipes aren't.

Thrillsville - Would anybody mind if we ended this one early in a concession to Turkey? I'll let everyone live peacefully. Besides, I'm a nice guy once you get to know me. So, vote YES for the Turkish concession!

Hazel Park to the Tom Turkey - Sorry, but you're at least 10 centers short.

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- London to Berlin - Hear, Hear, old chap. We've 'ad disturbing reports from Amnesty International that you are 'olding a certain A. Rodriguez 'ostage against 'is will. If true, my dear Kraut, it would be deemed most uncivilized. Certainly the charges bear further investigation. We'd like to throw this one off on that international rebel Mr. G. Coughlan, but 'e's not in this one, now is 'e?
- Duchess to Kaiser - (here insert wink) Hi, doll! I hope Tyrolia is empty for both our sakes!
- Hazel Park to Duchess and Kaiser - It is, it is...
- Rome - The German Reich has officially informed the government of Italy that it considers Tyrolia to be, in effect, a part of the German Empire. To the knowledge of the Italian government, Austria has not ceded this territory. Therefore, in the interests of peace and security in central Europe, Italian troops are attempting to move into the disputed territory until some sort of settlement can be reached among the involved parties.
- Mediocre to Bloodsucker - It looks like this game will show the true meaning of mediocrity. Just watch Italy and Russia (you know, the ones that never write).
- Chicken to Bloodsucker - If you put our nicknames together, you come up with a horrible voodoo rite.
- Paris - How will Bloodsucker be able to be in this press game? No Black Press, no vulgarities, no profanities! Kathy won't have a thing to say.
- A Thrillsvillian Reply to the Poor Austrian - I submit a standby list so I don't get stuck with Italy. Actually, I'll play whatever I get. I'm not picky. A damsel in distress, or is it in dat dress? I know women sometimes have a hard time making up their mind. As for craziest, there are others just as insane as you are, but "I like you just the way you are..." In summary your letter was a little K.B. (That's Korn Ballish, not Kathy Byrnish), but I'll accept your deal. P.S. Don't open to Bohemia, it never works!
- Scapa Flow to HMS Whaleblubber - Your orders are to proceed to Iceland and establish a British supply center there. Attempts to make a productive supply center out of Ireland have failed. The IRA, backed by M. Mills, K. Byrne, and other noted Irish resistance leaders simply bomb our attempts at civilization. Pity.
- Scapa Flow to HMS Ridiculous - Your orders are to apprehend anysmall craft leaving France and/or Germany for Las Vegas. It is essential to British foreign policy that Kaiser Schwarz Jack Masters and President Allouette Pearson do not make it to the American gambling mecca to gamble away British supply centers at Frank Sinatra's casino. Should you apprehend a Ms. Jane Proskin be sure to bring her in for further questioning. She may be able to answer our queries about Germany's secret weapon - the Joy of Jane.
- Scapa Flow to HMS Mediocrity - Your orders are to set sail for Constantinople and offer your services to the Sultan. However, should you be greeted by Turkish puns, you are ordered to scuttle your vessel and plead for political asylum at the Swiss embassy.
- Budapest to Constantinople - Kiss Gary's Grits!
- Moscow to Ankara - I'm sorry I'm incompetent at playing Diplomacy but I'm not the one holding a crossgame grudge. I think you told one too many people of your intentions so don't expect too many gains in my homeland. If you can't take getting stabbed once in a while you should have stuck with playing jacks or are you splitting your attention?
- Mediocre to The Snake - I didn't know you were a Raiders fan? I wished they lost the Super Bowl though. Nothing personal, I hope. How about writing? Oh, I forgot; snakes have no arms to write with.
- Bloodsucker to Snake - Best reason to kill the Turkey - his favorite TV show is the Brady Bunch! Second Best reason - with the cost of food these days - if we cremate the Turk we can feed our troops for free! By the way - what are you doing in FINLAND?!
- Naples - Panic swept Naples today as Mount Vesuvius erupted. Geological experts considered the eruption minor (the earthquake associated with it registered 1 on the Richter scale). Admiral Columbus (commander of the Italian navy), fearing that the city was under attack by land, ordered the entire fleet out to sea. Admiral Columbus, in a communi-



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cation from his flagship Santa Maria, said he was proud of the fact that only three ships were lost during the withdrawal from Naples harbor. Unfortunately, one of them was the Santa Maria, and the Admiral had no idea where he was. Admiral Columbus asked for the prayers of the nation, but he feared that the Santa Maria was approaching the edge of the Earth and was going to fall off.

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1981 N TYROLIA TWITCH HITS CENTRAL EUROPE Spring, 1901  
Did Russia Get Suckered?

Austria (Mark Luedi): f tri-ALB; a bud-SER; a vie-TRI.  
England (Michael Crane): f lon-NTH; f edi-NWG; a lpl-EDI.  
France (Larry Peery): f bre-MID; a par-BUR; a mar-SPA.  
Germany (Greg Stewart): f kie-DEN; a ber-KIE; a MUN-tyo.  
Italy (David Anderson): a VEN-tyo; a rom-APU; f nap-ION.  
Russia (Tom Ewing): a mos-SEV; a war-UKR; f stp(sc)-BOT; f sev-RUM.  
Turkey (Mike Steagall): a con-BUL; f ank-BLA; a smy-ARM.

Both Mark Luedi and Greg Stewart have address changes listed in the JIHAD Address List elsewhere in this issue.

Deadline for Fall 1901 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Friday, March 27, 1981. Press follows.

Vienna - Citing severe economic and climatic hardships, the Austrian government in an unprecedented decision has ordered that the country's capital be moved south, from the sub-Arctic bleakness of northern Indiana to the more temperate confines of the Gulf Coast. Any noticeable lack of communication with other European governments is related to this venture. The new address of the Austrian ministry is 8314 Apothecary, Houston, Texas 77064.

St. Peerigrad (Spring 1901) - Putra-Shave, France's largest supplier of mens' shaving supplies today announced a new advertising campaign based on a series of billboards throughout strategic locations in France, the Empire, and Europe. Among earliest seen were:

The East Bank: Save the Franc, Cut Your Neighbor's Throat!

The West Bank: Have You Rugged Your Boat Today?

Peeris: Iranians Go Home, and take the Oakland Raiders With You!

Peerijavo: The Archduke Doesn't Stop Here Anymore.

Peeriguex: Get the Truffles Out of France, and Olivia Newton-John Out of Hollywood!

Brest: Remember Dottie Morefield!

Picardy: We Regret Nothing: Nixon Quasimodo

Burgundy: Our Wines Have Real Corks

Marseilles: Austrians deal "marked" cards...

Lemon Grove: Spring Valley is Where the Red-Necks Live!

Enid: Tulsa Breeds Short Basketball Players

Casa Don Diego: Antal Dorati needs a raise: Send the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to Studio One!

Strasbourg: Better a Short Dickey Than a Long...

The Channel Islands: England Needs A Real Queen: Where's Elton John?

San Diego: America's Finest City: Home of the San Diego Chargers, Clippers, Padres, Aztecs, and Helen Copley, the Wicked Witch of the Southwest!

Hula Vesta: SDG&E Gets a Charge Out of Power Plays

Male, Maldive Islands: Where the Hell is Peerijavo Anyway?

Indiana, Lebanon: Walt Buchanan, Won't You Please Come Home?

NOSC, Ft. Loma, San Diego, CA: Everybody Knows That TAWAS is a War-game Invented by the Marines to Prove the World is Flat!

Hazel Park to St. Peerigrad - Damn right about Dorati's raise...

Hazel Park to Somebody - My capitalization system isn't all that incomprehensible...the caps indicate where the unit in question ended the turn! (If there aren't any caps, there's usually a star signifying a dislodged unit.) A bit unusual, to be sure, but it's simple enough.

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## Origins Awards--1981

### Who's Best...and Why?

The Origins Awards are presented every year at the national wargaming convention Origins - to recognize outstanding achievements in what is now called "adventure gaming".

The Charles Roberts Awards are the older of the two sets given at Origins. They recognize boardgaming achievements, while role-playing and miniatures are covered by the later H.G. Wells Awards.

These awards derive their importance from the direct participation of hobbyists in the process - that's ANY hobbyist, including you and me. Our voice comes in through the nominating ballot - which for 1981 is printed on pages 12 and 13.

I'm going to fill the rest of this page with my comments on several of the categories - often including my nominees and why. I strongly encourage all of you who are involved in the hobby to cast your votes by March 31...the balloting deadline. This applies whether you agree with me or not.

Best Role-Playing Rules: I expect a battle royal in this category, because so MANY sets of RPG rules came out in 1980. If I had to pick a winner, it would be SPI's DragonQuest by a slim margin over Metagaming's The Fantasy Trip. However, I'm voting for The Morrow Project by TimeLine Inc. - mostly because I like its originality and its simplicity.

Best Pro Mag covering R-P: I feel that the Dragon is finally breaking out of its D&D image; its coverage of the RPG field as a whole is now, I feel, sufficient to warrant its nomination. The only other nominee I'd consider is Different Worlds. HOWEVER - look for Journal of the Traveller's Aid Society as a probable repeat winner...

Best Pre-20th Cent. Boardgame: SPI's Empires of the Middle Ages and Avalon Hill's War and Peace come to mind here. I lean toward Empires because of the unusual period it covers and because fewer mistakes were made in producing it. Before I vote, though, I'll play West End's Campaigns of Napoleon, which on the surface looks worthy - and which I just purchased. Final judgment reserved.

Best 20th Century Boardgame: Ace of Aces isn't precisely a boardgame, but it is THE premier adventure game of 1980, and this is the closest I can come to fitting it into a category. I also hold NATO Division Commander (SPI) in high esteem, but Ace of Aces has to win out. (Watch out for Fortress Europa (Avalon Hill) in the final balloting, though.)

Best SF/Fantasy Boardgame: The boardgaming hobby is rapidly being overrun by science fiction and fantasy, to the detriment of those of us who have put 15-20 years or more into historical gaming. At the present time, I do not intend to nominate in this category...although I do play my fair share of these games, I have yet to run across a 1980 release clearly worthy of nomination. (Stipulated: I did enjoy Hammer of Thor very much, but I question whether it falls into SF/Fantasy or Pre-20th Century historical...it's a matter of perspective.)

Best Initial Release of Boardgame: Ace of Aces - IF it was an initial release. I believe it was, but I'm not 100% certain. (And if it wasn't, I don't know what I'll vote for.)

Best Pro Mag covering Boardgames: Despite my above-mentioned concerns with the increased prevalence of SF/fantasy in boardgaming, I'm very impressed with Ares. The separation of SF/F from historical gaming by SPI has worked to the benefit of both here. Fire and Movement, of course, has to be considered the favorite - it's a perennial nominee - but Ares deserves a shot.

Best Amateur Mag covering the Hobby in General: First off, I'm not going to nominate JIHAD - my ego isn't that huge. I do get two excellent amateur pubs regularly which DO qualify, though...the Deck of Many Things, house organ of the Metro Detroit Gamers, and Roy Henricks' gamezine Envoy, which comes closer than any other gamezine to meeting the "Hobby in General" part of the category description - both in terms of games run and topics discussed.

Anyone who has different opinions on the above - please write. I'd like to hear some other viewpoints on these awards, which are all too often the victims of benign neglect...

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Kingmaker 8002Set-Up

Voting Results - Combat at Sea 6 yes 0 no will be used  
 Royal Death 5 yes 1 no will be used  
 Gales at Sea 4 yes 2 no will be used  
 Catastrophe 5 yes 1 no will be used  
 Treachery 2 yes 4 no will NOT be used  
 Vacillating Nobles 5 yes 1 no will be used

The event deck contains 98 cards - 80 basic, 10 advanced, Royal Death, Gales at Sea, 2 Catastrophe (1 rd, 2 rd), 4 Vacillating Noble.

Combat at Sea is in use; therefore, ships must be listed as neutral or belligerent each turn.

Starting Positions and Allocations:

Beaufort(Corfe)--Archbishop of York, Saxons  
 FitzAlan(Chirk)--Constable Tower of London, Scots Archers  
 Grey(Rockingham)--Earl Richmond, Admiral, 1e Rose, Bristol, Coventry, Northampton  
 Hastings(Tutbury)--Earl Wiltshire, Chanc. Duchy Lancaster, Bishop Lincoln, 1e Lucas, Nottingham  
 Holland(Compton)--Earl Worcester, Warden 5 Ports, Burg XBow, Scots Archers, Saxons  
 Neville(Ogmore)--Chancellor Duchy Cornwall, Bishop Carlisle, 1e Nicholas, Newcastle  
 Roos(Belvoir)--Earl Westmorland, Bishop Norwich, Flemish XBow  
 Stafford(Leeds)--Flemish XBow, 1e Swan  
 1e Christopher(Southampton)  
 1e George(Rye)  
 1e Lucas(Whitby)  
 1e Margaret(Lynn)  
 1e Nicholas(London)  
 1e Rose(Bristol)  
 1e Swan(Berwick)  
 1e Trinity(Rye)

Five cards to Chancery

The Factions:

Dave Carter - The Sleepless Knights  
 Tom Monaghan - the Knights who have Integrity, who are Noble, and who are Generous (K.I.N.G.)  
 Debbie Osborne - Mercia  
 Clark Reynolds - Corned Beef and Cabbage Clan (CCC)  
 Greg Stewart - Corleequue  
 Robert Wyatt - English Liberation Organization (E.L.O.)

Turn 1 Events: non-event to Osborne; CATASTROPHE 1 round; PEASANT REVOLT - Stafford to Leeds, AB Canterbury to Canterbury, Marshal to Blackheath; PEASANT REVOLT - Stafford to Leeds, Earl Kent to Rochester, Marshal to Blackheath; PEASANT REVOLT - Mowbray to Castle Rising, Marshal to Thetford; PLAGUE - Kingston, York.

Deadline for Turn 1 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Wednesday, March 25, 1981. Press follows.

Grey - What am I bid for the services of my fine ships? The asking price for my services is cheap.

LIP Service (GM) to Grey - So are the ships...

K.I.N.G. - We the members of K.I.N.G. are willing to have a discussion with any interested faction. P.S. Any Hazel Park girl scouts can come visit my castle at Compton.

Sleepless Knights - Do we get to go to Parliament on Turn 1 too?

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KM 8002 players should also check out Greg Stewart's address change on the address list elsewhere in this issue.

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### Vote for Diplomacy Hobby Mascot!

The subject of an official mascot for the Dip hobby has taken up a whole lot of space in several zines over the past few months. It seems that everybody has their own special favorite...

Mike Conner, publisher of Lone Star Diplomat, has decided to put a temporary end to the squabbling by conducting hobby-wide balloting for a mascot we can all be proud of and/or identify with.

While I can't reproduce the pictures that several sponsors submitted to Mike with their nominations, I've printed the text of all nominations below exactly as Mike had it in the February LSD. (Note that Mike's editorial insertions will be in TRIPLE parentheses, to distinguish them from anything I add, which will be in double parens. This is the custom with reprints...)

Your votes should be on POSTCARD ONLY, and should be mailed to Mike Conner, 3214 Beverly Rd, Austin, TX 78703 - Mike must have your votes by March 25th if they're to be counted. Vote just once, please.

1. Since Rod Walker claims the position of mascot for his cat PUSSY GALORE, we will give her place 1 on the ballot.
2. "Hi, people. My name is TROUBLE. I'm a little girl doggy; half Collie and half German Shepherd. I'll be a good mascot. I lick dirty feet. If elected I'll bite Bruce every time he says the word "Rulebook". My zine will be called The Bark of Doom (BOD). Please elect me!" (nominated by Bruce Linsey) ((Bruce's nomination of his dog last fall started the whole mascot controversy - GEO2))
3. KATHY BYRNE has been nominated by John Michalski, although he has not submitted a speech on her behalf. Her picture with her own nominee, however, speaks for itself. ((You don't have the pictures for reference - the one referred to is a drawing of a standing female nude - GEO2))
4. As reported in Black Frog, Kathy Byrne nominates her pet deer BLOOD-SUCKER, who always likes to get in the way of the camera.
5. Andy Lischett nominates the EXTINCT MDA: "This is BOB, a candidate for Diplomacy Hobby Mascot. Being extinct, Bob has no qualifications, but neither has he anything to hide. If Bob is elected, as his legal guardian my first act will be to request a monthly stipend from the NADF."
6. "Vote for the GREAT WHITE SHARK. A vote you can be proud of. A mascot you will not be ashamed to identify with. Diplomacy players are not alike. Great Whites are not alike. Thus something for all players. These sharks are completely unpredictable, very dangerous, almost indestructible. The best choice! (nominated by Gary Coughlan)
7. Ron Brown supports JOHNNIE THE GNOME: "I feel Johnnie is qualified to represent the hobby because if you believe him, he is solely responsible for every fake zine published. And besides, who has done more for making this hobby fun than 'Johnnie'?"
8. Mike Conner's cat CARUSO should be elected hobby mascot. He keeps Mike's lap warm when he (Mike) types Lone Star Diplomat. A purr-suasive voice and 20 retractile stabbers, coupled with an appetite for mouseie players--Caruso's got it all!
9. Robert Sacks nominates the PET ROCK as "truly representative of the hobby. It exemplifies the honesty of Rod Walker, the drive of Ray Heuer, the humanity and sensitivity of Robert Sacks, the impartiality of Mark Berch, and the wit and wisdom of Fred Davis. Vote for the Pet Rock."
10. 'Jane Proskin' first nominated her pet bear Arnetto, but then sent him to the dogfood-processing plant. Her new nominee is BLACK JACK, since "a big monkey...is ultimately suitable for hobby mascot."
11. Jack Masters nominated his dog BRUCE, who he says "...has all the charm and grace of the typical Diplomacy player--he bites people."
12. Another nominee from Bruce Linsey: MASTERS, a flea on the ear of Jack Master's ((sic)) dog BRUCE. (more on page 14)

Best 1980 Role-Playing Rules: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Best 1980 Role-Playing Adventure: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Dungeons, Campaign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Modules, Scenarios, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best 1980 Professional Magazine \_\_\_\_\_  
 covering Miniatures: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Best 1980 Professional Magazine \_\_\_\_\_  
 covering Role-Playing: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 All Time Best Pre-Napoleonic \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gunpowder Rules: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 All Time Best Air Combat Rules: \_\_\_\_\_  
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materials for use on personal com- \_\_\_\_\_  
 puters. Star Trek not eligible): \_\_\_\_\_

Best 1980 Initial Release of a Boardgame: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (this refers to the first \_\_\_\_\_  
 release by a new company) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best 1980 Professional Magazine \_\_\_\_\_  
 covering Boardgames: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Best 1980 Amateur Magazine \_\_\_\_\_  
 covering the Hobby in general: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Amateur magazines are defined \_\_\_\_\_  
 as non-profit efforts not of professional quality which do not provide  
 income for their staffs nor pay for contributions).

Hall of Fame: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Previous winners of the Hall of Fame are Don Turnbull, 1974, James  
 F. Dunnigan, 1975, Tom Shaw, 1976, Redmond Simonsen, 1977, John  
 Hill, 1978, and Dave Isby, 1979)

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*for the year 1980, to be presented at ORIGINS '81, July 4, 5, and 6, 1981, at San Mateo California.*

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All Gaming Fans are encouraged to vote!

*Deadline— March 31, 1981.*

## THE H. G. WELLS AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MINIATURES AND ROLE-PLAYING GAMES

Best 1980 Historical Figure Series: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Fantasy/SF Series: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Vehicular Series: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Miniatures Rules: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Role-Playing Rules:

**Instructions. Read Carefully:** Print legibly or type your nominations. Ballots that are messy or not filled out correctly may not get counted. You may list three nominees per category. It does not matter in what order you list entries. To keep voting as meaningful as possible, please do not make selections in unfamiliar categories. **YOU MUST SIGN THE BALLOT!** Also include your address. You may vote only once, and send only one ballot per envelope.

Nominations should be based on products produced during the calendar year 1980. Miniature figure series nominations should be for product lines which are either new or have been substantially expanded in 1980. Naturally, all time best nominations are not restricted to 1980. The Hall of Fame category will not appear on the final ballot since the winner is determined by the nominating ballots.

Final balloting will be done by the members of the newly-formed Academy of Adventure Gaming, Arts, and Design (watch for details in the hobby press). The voting on the final five nominees in each category will be done entirely by mail and will be completed one month before Origins. The awards will be presented at Origins.

## THE CHARLES ROBERTS AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN BOARDGAMING

Best 1980 Pre-20th Century Boardgame: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 20th Century Boardgame: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Science-Fiction or \_\_\_\_\_

Fantasy Boardgame: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best 1980 Computer Game (game \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mascot (from page 11)

13. Tom Mainardi is another fish-lover: KATHY, my female beta, possesses all the attributes of the Diplomacy player--cunning, ruthlessness, etc. She's pink with red fins. But don't let her soft appearance fool you. She strikes without mercy or warning. She especially likes to eat 10-year-old novices at Dipcons. Vote for Kathy the beta!
14. According to Francois Guerrier, "The DIRE-BERCH is truly a unique specimen; it may only be found in Virginia. Nevertheless, it is the ideal candidate for hobby mascot, as it has the ability to discuss non-essential matters ad eternum without ever addressing the actual situation when discussing any subject--the mark of a true diplomat.
15. Mark Larzelere nominates his tree BIRCH, a fine upstanding candidate.
16. Jim Benes nominates the CHAMELEON "as the official mascot for Diplomacy. It's a natural."
17. From Mike Mills: "Our candidate, the UNKNOWN DIPPER FROM THE PLANET ED has played under many guises. He's stabbed many of you more than once. He's wrestling with a gruesome end-game situation at the moment. He's the best candidate to represent the hobby because he's so many people in the hobby."
18. Someone who faked Europa Express ((Jack Masters)) nominated a candidate on Gary Coughlan's behalf: a pet civet cat named LEPANTO, pictured with Gary's girlfriend, Martha Cole (((indistinctly, unfortunately))) ((truer words were never spoken)).
19. Dave Carter has nominated his pet Canadian Honker CALHAMER. Since "Canadians have always been the best postal Diplomacy players," this candidate "would best represent the Canadian spirit."
20. Bruce Schneier says, "My nomination...is not a live animal, nor is it carbon-based. It has no physical reality whatsoever. I'm talking about the PLATONIC IDEAL RECTANGULAR CUBE. Every player spends a ridiculous amount of his lifetime pushing around little rectangular cubes, so wouldn't it make sense to make the mascot the ideal cube?"
21. Finally ((!)) from Mark Lew: "I think that the hobby should not have a mascot. Things have been going fine for 15 years without one. Such hype will make the hobby worse, if anything. So I propose no mascot at all, and I ask all who support me by refusing to vote." (((Since I cannot tabulate non-votes, those who agree with you can vote for NOBODY for mascot.)))

That's it...all 21 of 'em. Don't forget to vote by March 25.

As for my endorsement - I'm not making one. My top five choices (in alphabetical order) are CARUSO, KATHY, NOBODY, PET ROCK, and PLATONIC IDEAL RECTANGULAR CUBE. However, I haven't chosen between them yet...

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### Kingmaker 8001

#### Turn 1 Parliament

Percy's nomination as Captain of Calais passed Lords 16-13, but failed in the Commons 25-47 with 10 abstaining. Pole's nomination failed both houses: 13-16 in Lords and 19-53-10 in Commons.

Al Pearson (LOSERS) has the most votes in both houses, and thus may make the next proposals. He nominates:

- 1) Pole as Constable of the Tower of London
- 2) Percy as Constable of Dover Castle

All players should submit faction votes on these proposals not later than Saturday, March 14, 1981. THIS IS A TWO WEEK DEADLINE. Parliaments really drag with a month between results...Ye merrie Press is below.

Somewhere in England - Percy thanks the Brigands for nominating him as Captain of Calais.

Red Banner to Logres - No, I will not be at Parliament.

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Watch the USPS negotiations closely. I'll bet that JIHAD #15 is LATE...

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# Jihad Mailing List

As promised last issue, I've printed the Jihad mailing list below for two reasons - first, as a service to those who wish to enter my Fake Contest; and second, as a subtle reminder to my fellow pubbers to send me their mailing lists by April 15th so I can finish the '81 Hobby Census...

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EUROPEAN WAR ESCALATES

Winter, 1901

Autumn 1901...Austria retreats f tri-otb.

Austria (David Agee): Even; has a VIE, a BOH.

England (Tim Bates): Build f EDI; also has a LON, f NTH, f NWY.

France (Ned Nichols): Build a MAR; also has a SPA, a BUR, f ENG.

Germany (Dennis Denfeld): Build f KIE, a BER; also has a DEN, f HOL, a MUN.

Italy (Deane Sperdakos): Build f NAP, f ROM; also has a TRI, a VEN, f TUN.

Russia (Steven Davies-Morris): Build a MOS; also has f SWE, a GAL, a WAR, f RUM.

Turkey (Debbie Osborne): Build a ANK, a CON, f SMY; also has a GRE, a BUL, f SEV.

Deadline for Spring 1902 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Friday, March 27, 1981. Press follows.

St. Petersburg - The cries of the suffering slaves, er SLAVS, have reached the ears of the decent and altruistic Tsar! No longer will Hapsburg tyranny and feudal overlordship be tolerated in Europe. As can be seen, the armies of the free are marching to end once and for all the gross orgies of self-indulgence in Vienna and Budapest. We cannot allow this kind of monopoly to continue. It is the duty of us all to rise up and share in it. I mean, share in its destruction! - The Tsar

Washington DC to Europe - The American people would like all of Europe to know that it will remain neutral in this current surge of expansionism and imperialism but that it favors Germany to reign over all of Europe as they are the superior race.

England to Hazel Park - Is it named after a person or a color?

Hazel Park to England - Yes.

Berlin to St. Petersburg - The Reich feels it imperative that our two nations work together very closely and sacrifices will be made to insure such friendship! The necessity for such cooperation should be realized for there are great threats to our survival in certain unmentionable alliances. This is NOT Propaganda!!! As the Reich is very serious about this, any attempt to undermine or degrade any German press releases will be dealt with accordingly!

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Also, take great caution when dealing with Turkey! The Sultana has been acting very strangely lately and spies tell me - "is like a bomb ready to explode!!!" Don't let yourself get caught with your back to her! AGAIN, these words are TRUE, all German press is true and should never be taken lightly!

London - The King today announced the start of a new press service called Crown Reality-Associated Press (CRAP). A CRAP spokesman promised that all reporting would be objective and unbiased.

CRAP will feature stories on the European conflict submitted by CRAP's own team of crack reporters. Each reporter has at least an eighth grade education and knows the entire alphabet.

Hazel Park to CRAP - I guess that's a comment on the sad state of public education...it used to be that if someone had an 8th grade education it could be presumed that they knew the alphabet. Maybe it's just not that way anymore...

Trans-Balkan Press Service - General Tetrizzini was then ordered home to be decorated. Leaving with a small platoon of men, Tommy started home. After several wild turns of ducking Grecian artillery fire, Tetrizzini's convoy stumbled upon a troop of lost dancing girls. Tommy offered to drive them home, and discovered, upon following their directions, that he was in Athens. Thinking quickly, he ordered everyone away from the clearly marked Turkish vehicles and into some nearby pillboxes. However, these were soon discovered to be recently purchased cannons. It was so discovered when a smoking private accidentally dropped his match and fired his sergeant in the general direction of Constantinople. With his usual dim wits, Tetrizzini ordered all his men into the cannons and had the girls fire them in the same direction, hoping to be home in time for the awards ceremony. However, somewhat fortunately, the girls' aim was not as good as the private's and Tommy and his Elite (?) Squad found themselves crashing through the roof and into Grecian Rebel HQ. Shouts of "Gods!", "Angels!", and "The Eagles have landed!" were heard as the Greeks fled their citadel, only to be met by the second volley of Tommy's high-flying young men. The insurgents promptly surrendered to the "Heavenly Horde". Said a soot-covered Tetrizzini "Now I will be shot." Constantinople, however, when reached with the news, was ecstatic at the capitulation and granted Tetrizzini both the Order of the Grand Fowl and permission to search for his missing sergeant.

Meanwhile, Admiral Manicotti had taken the Turkish cadets on war maneuvers in the Black Sea. Unfortunately, the gunnery cadets mistook the flagship Sirocco for their target vessel, and proceeded to sink the Admiral's ship out from under him. Thanks to a driving rain, Manicotti managed to arrive safely at Sevastopol in his lifeboat. This has created an embarrassing international incident which the Turkish government is striving to redress.

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### Diplomacy Tournament Update

The Detroit Gaming Center, 4147 Cass Ave, Detroit, MI 48201 is sponsoring a major Midwestern Diplomacy tournament on the weekend of April 25th and 26th, 1981.

Registration is open now by mail for \$3.00; the price rises to \$4 at the door. (Members of the DGC pay \$1 less in both cases.)

The tournament will consist of three rounds; two qualifying on Saturday (11 am and 5 pm), and a seven-player final on Sunday. A combination of the Revised Berch and JIHAD scoring systems will be used on Saturday; the final round between the top 7 is independent of the other scores, which will only be used for a final round tie-breaker.

I'll be GMing the tournament, and should be able to answer any questions you might have about it. We can handle up to 8 boards (56 players) for this event, and I'd be tickled to see some of you faithful readers among the contestants...

Fellow pubbers out there - especially those from the Midwest - please plug this event. It'll go annually if there's support for this one - and if there isn't any support, it's my neck that goes (just kidding, I think).

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A Mighty Fortress 8001

1535

WHEREIN the Lutherans finally convert the Netherlands; the Hapsburgs mass upon the French borders; the Swiss continue to do land-office business in mercenary rentals; Suleiman rests on his laurels; the Pope denies Henry VIII's annulment, Henry divorces Catherine anyway - but the Pope DOESN'T excommunicate him...and STILL there is no war.

Campaign Phase

England (Don Swartz): 0914 1n; 1312 2a; 1513 1n(\*); 1708 2a; 1711 2x; 1811 1n(\*); 1912 3a1n; 2009 1n; 2211 1a1n.  
 France (Steve D'Alessandro): 1115 1a; 1504 2a; 1520 2a2n; 1713 1n; 1714 1a1n; 1815 2x; 2116 2a; 2117 2a; 2223 3a1n; 2522 1a; 2722 1n.  
 Hapsburgs (William Osmanson): 0422 2a; 1319 2n; 1320 2n; 1321 2n; 1423 2a; 1624 2a; 1824 2a; 1926 3n; 2212 1a; 2313 2a; 2317 1a(\*); 2418 1a; 2519 2a; 2617 1a; 2618 2a; 2719 2a; 2826 2n; 3412 2a; 3427 3a; 3614 4x.  
 Lutherans (Tom Swider): 2316 1aWrt2m; 2408 1m; 2510 1aSax1m; 2611 2aAnhSax; 2613 2aHesMgd; 2711 1m; 2713 2aWrtMns; 2714 2m; 2813 2m; 2814 1aHes1m; 2913 1aBre; 2914 2m; 2915 1m; 3009 1m; 3111 1m; 3212 1aBrn1m; 3401 1m; 3709 1m; 4109 1m; 4211 1m.  
 Ottomans (Chuck Higgins): 2730 2a1n; 3630 2n2a; 3631 1n (see below); 3917 4a; 4021 2a; 4431 1n2a; 5323 1x.  
 Papacy (Debbie Osborne): 2411 1a; 2413 1a; 2612 1a; 2922 1a; 3023 1a; 3120 1a; 3226 1a1x.

No combat or theological debate possible.

Note that the Ottomans did NOT move this turn. The position change is an adjustment by me to compensate for an error I made last turn in allowing the Ottoman to exceed stacking limits.

Taxation Phase

England - Dublin(1), Plymouth(1), York(3), London(6), Calais(3), Copenhagen(1), Stockholm(2), Antwerp(3). Total 20,000 Crowns.  
 France - Brest(4), Bordeaux(4); Rouen(3); Paris(2); Dijon(2); Marseilles(4); Edinburgh(1); Turin(1); Genoa(1). Total 22,000 Crowns.  
 Hapsburgs - Corunna(5); Madrid(3); Barcelona(4); Prague(4); Vienna(7); Naples(4); Zurich(1); Geneva(1); Lisbon(1). Total 30,000 Crowns.  
 Lutherans - Bremen(3); Magdeburg(3); Augsburg(4); Nuremburg(1); Wittenburg(3). Total 14,000 Crowns.  
 Ottomans - Buda(3); Belgrade(2); Bucharest(3); Constantinople(6); Athens(3); Palermo(1); Cagliari(1). Total 19,000 Crowns.  
 Papacy - Cologne(1); Mainz(1); Trier(1); Bologna(1); Ravenna(1); Rome(4); Venice(2); Florence(1); Milan(2); Sienna(1). Limit 6,000 Crowns total.

Diplomacy PhaseAreas Controlled

England - Calais, England, Ireland, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands.  
 France - France, Scotland, Savoy, Genoa.  
 Hapsburgs - Austria, Bohemia, Franche Comte, Hungary, Naples, Navarre, Spain, Tyrol, Portugal, Switzerland.  
 Lutherans - All Germany EXCEPT Cologne, Mainz, Mark, Mecklenburg, Nassau, Trier, Wurttemberg.  
 Ottomans - Ottoman Empire, Sardinia, Sicily.  
 Papacy - Cologne, Mainz, Papal States, Trier, Venice, Milan, Florence, Tuscany.

The Lutherans now control the last "untaxed" city - Metz.

Lutheran Religion: All Germany save Cologne, Mainz, Trier; also Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, all Polish cities.

Diplomatic Pouch

The Papal player has DENIED the annulment. England has announced her intent to pursue the Divorce, and the Pope has elected to allow the Divorce to proceed. The Papacy therefore loses 10 victory points; and England remains Catholic.

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## Expenditure Phase

|              | Eng     | Fra     | Hap     | Lut     | Ott    | Pap   |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Start 1535   | 24,000  | 41,000  | 63,000  | 11,000  | 27,000 | 3,000 |
| Taxation     | 20,000  | 22,000  | 30,000  | 14,000  | 19,000 | 6,000 |
| Gen Movement | - 7,000 | - 8,000 | -10,000 | - 5,000 |        |       |
| Mercenaries  |         | - 5,000 |         |         |        |       |
| Start 1536   | 37,000  | 50,000  | 83,000  | 20,000  | 46,000 | 9,000 |

## R &amp; R Phase

Entering This Turn: Lutherans 1x 2414, 1x 2416, 1aMck2m 3008; Ottomans 2x 5323; Papacy 1x 3226.

Eligible Next Turn: France 1x.

GM Notes - Remember the stacking limits. I forget them, too...

Remember that no belligerent acts are allowed until war has been declared IN A DIPLOMACY PHASE...

Deadline for 1536 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Monday, March 23, 1981. Press follows.

Magdeburg to Hazel Park - I am not the co-founder; I am the founder. Ever since I found it, everyone has been telling me to get lost!

Hazel Park to Magdeburg - Thrillsville.

Paris - Peace will not last long at this rate.

Hazel Park - No kidding...

Madrid - So the French have joined the Inquisition openly.

Rome - The Hapsburg sure is touchy! All I do is have my priests poll new parishes with a few simple questions, and he HAS to make an issue of it!

Thrillsvillia - Ok, I'll cut down on the press. "'Tis better to have a little press than none at all."

MAGDEBURG (UPI) - The Reverend Father Moon "barely" escaped imprisonment for indecent exposure and causing public unrest. However, Moon chose to go into exile due to political pressure. A source which isn't yet identified has announced that the Reverend Moon has reverted back to his original name (Martin) and has moved to Rockville, Maryland (in America) where he is publishing subversive material in an underground publication.

Moon did accomplish one thing; he aroused adolescent interest in Calvinism. The Church of the True Faith has installed Comrade Phoom as the new minister. More developments as they arise.

Geneva - The Pope calls for peace and brotherhood while the Inquisition butchers women and children by the thousands.

Dijon - These troops are here to protect France, not to enter Switzerland, Charles.

Vienna - The Hapsburgs have taken the golden cross as their new battle standard. "We will march against the forces of the anti-Christ soon."

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Zines of Note...

THE WHITE DUKE - published by Steve Shaddix, 5486 Butano Way, Rocklin, CA 95677. Steve's new zine is actually a team effort running games of Diplomacy, Afrika Korps, Wooden Ships and Iron Men, and Origins of World War II. The physical quality of this is nice, and the initial articles show signs of a promising mix. Get a sample. Subs 12/\$5.25, game fees vary.

SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON has celebrated its fifth anniversary in grand style, with a 32 page effort that is jammed with articles by some darn good writers. I found Kathy Byrne's "expose" of the relationships between several prominent lady Dippers most entertaining.

Bob Sergeant has acquired a very good reputation over the last five years; this issue should add more lustre to same. Maybe you can trade a couple of stamps for a copy of the annish; write Bob at 3242 Lupine Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46224 if you'd like to try. I highly recommend this one - but Bob does not have openings at present, so for now it's just for the reading.

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1980 IFFRANCE SLIDES IN THE KNIFE  
Turkey, Italy Beat Up on A-HWinter, 1902  
Spring, 1903

Autumn 1902...Russia retreats a nwy-FIN; Italy retreats a bud-GAL.

Austria (Larry Boudon): Remove f alb. a ser\*tri; a bud\*s a ser-tri.

England (Dennis Denfeld): Build f edi. f BAR-stp(nc); f NWY s f bar-stp(nc);  
f NTH s a swe-den; a swe-DEN; f edi-NWG; f den-BAL.France (Alan Dickinson): Remove a bur. a PAR-bur; a GAS-bur; f mid-IRI;  
a bel-WAL; f ENG c a bel-wal.Germany (Keith Mercer): Build a ber. a bre-PIC; a kie-HOL; a mun-RUH;  
f HEL s a kie-hol; a ber-MUN.Italy (John Daly): Build f ven. a tri-BUD; a VIE s a tri-bud; f ION-eas;  
a GAL s a tri-bud; f TUN-ion; f VEN-tri.Russia (Roy Henricks): Remove a pru. a lvn-WAR; a FIN s a stp; f bal-SWE;  
a STP s a fin.Turkey (Al Pearson): Build f smy, a ank. a bul-SER; a RUM s a bul-ser;  
a ank-CON; f SMY-eas; f GRE s f con-aeg; f con-AEG.

Austrian a ser must retreat to alb or otb; Austrian a bud is annihilated.

Deadline for Fall 1903 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Friday, March 27, 1981. Press follows.

Germany to World - Beware, France is being played by someone with only a half deck of cards.

Ankara - Al-Said, Sultan of All the Turks (including Greece and Rumania too, but without lust in his eyes for Sevastopol) was not happy with the Fall military campaign results. "What do you mean I own Rum but not Sev?", Al-Said yelled. "I want both or none."

London - The English government refuses and will continue to refuse to recognise the press exploits of such minor powers as Germany. The United Kingdom also wants the rest of the world to know that the lies concerning the taking of some forty cub scouts as hostages are just that, lies! If the Germans provide evidence of such a capture, perhaps a minor organ from each of the scouts (please freeze them), the British will believe for we are no stubborn people.

Paris to World - Due to the speed at which my units have been moving about Europe (ha, ha) I seemed to lose track of a certain A Gas last fall. Never fear, though - the poor MIA soldiers have been located, reequipped, and are once again ready for rapid deployment.

Rome - At the request of the Turkish government, all Turkish nationals have been rounded up and put on a boat to take them "home".

Germany to France - Thanks for Brest but I didn't really want it that bad. But if it'll hurt you it's worth it.

Vienna to Ankara - Hey, who ever said we're good in arithmetic, but then this game's a calculated risk and we passed up the lesser risk with small returns for the greater risk involving large returns. After all, one only plays AUS so long in this game! Go for the Glory!!!

Constantinople - Admiral Al-Must, commander of the Second Turkish Fleet here, gave a press conference to reporters here today. When asked as to immediate plans for the Fleet, Al-Must replied, "Al-Said, Sultan of All the Turks (etc.), in his divinely inspired wisdom, pulled my fleet from the Black Sea prior to our taking of Sevastopol. Maybe Allah is directing Al-Said's actions, but I cannot fathom his logic. As to the future, I think I will head for Crete, armpit of the Eastern Mediterranean."

London to German-Russian diplomats - British spies have infiltrated German-Russian diplomatic circles and learned of attempted close co-operation between the two powers (powers?-huh). These agents take full credit for sabotaging such efforts and although G-R cooperation is imminent, such a delay may enable the U.K. to continue to rule over the ethnic Englishmen in Scandinavia.

Italy to Turkey - Whether it's Liar Pearson or Liar Al-Said, it's all the same.

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Berlin to Russia - You're the one that told me not to trust England.

Didn't you hear yourself?

London to Paris - Please! French ships in the Channel give me an ulcer.

Hazel Park to London - They also bring tourists to Wales...

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1978 FK

THE END'S IN SIGHT  
Concession Fails

Spring, 1909

Austria (Ron Kelly): f GRE s Russian f aeg-ion; a BUD-tri; a TRI-tyo.

France (Gerald Carne): f ion\*ear; a PIE-tyo; f CLY-nwg; a lpl-YOR;  
f HEL s a hol-kie; a HOL-kie; a RUH s a hol-kie; a BUR-mun;  
f eng-MID; f NTH-den.

Italy (Arturo Guajardo): a VEN s French a pie-tyo; f ADR s a ven;  
f NAP s f tun-ion; f TUN-ion.

Russia (Eric Verheiden): f con-AEG; f BAL s a kie; f mid-SPA(sc);  
f BAR-nwg; f SKA s f den; f DEN s a kie; a NWY holds; a BER s a kie;  
a MUN s a kie; a SIL s a mun; a TYO s a mun; a VIE s a tyo;  
a SER s Austrian a tri (ordered to move); f EAS s f aeg-ion;  
f aeg-ION; a BUL holds; a KIE s a mun.

French f ion must retreat to alb, apu, tyh, or otb.

A four-way draw A-F-I-R has been proposed. Players should vote with their orders.

Deadline for Fall 1909 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Friday, March 27, 1981. Press follows.

Lisbon - Portugese fishermen spent another day in port today. The Russian fleet sitting in the Mid-Atlantic has for the last month discouraged and harassed them when they have attempted to put out; the result being that the Portugese economy is in disarray. Meanwhile, colonial governments of both Portugal and Spain lashed out at the French government for failing to supply them with adequate security. In response, the French President pointed out that France had not even supplied herself with adequate security, and asked why Spain and Portugal expected to be treated any differently.

Kiel - Defenders of the city rejoiced over the successful hair-breadth defeat of the French forces attempting to invade the city. Reinforcements from the Tsar have now arrived to see to it that the city is not threatened again.

Austria - Ron Kelly's new work phone # is 202-456-1414.

Roma - A large crowd gathered outside the Ministry of Justice today to pelt the once great hero of Italy with rotten tomatoes. Today, the third day of General Giovanni "Chicken" Cacciatori's public trial for treason, saw the mounting evidence against him virtually assure his conviction. A graphologist for the state determined that the signature on the letter printed in the January ((sic)) issue of the Jihad!, purported to have been written by the Hero of Vienna to the Russian Czar, offering to effect a coup that put Cacciatori at the head of a government that would sue for peace in exchange for the expansion of Cacciatori's pizzeria franchise throughout Eastern Europe, was indeed the signature of the once great hero. Further testimony by a Hazel Park Den Mother alleged that the General was not in fact responsible for the fall of Vienna. The star witness for the state, after bringing the court to tears with her recitation of the Scout's Code, accused Cacciatori of making indecent proposals to her at the time the scouts were subduing Austrian sentries throughout the city. The Den Mother further stated that the scouts were motivated by their zeal to acquire merit badges and were not in the least inspired by Cacciatori's example or orders. Adding insult to injury, she further stated that the only reason Cacciatori had led the troop to Vienna in the first place was through his inability to read a map or use a compass. After her testimony, the Italian street mobs howled for Cacciatori's blood, and the General's pizzerias throughout Italy were ransacked. Though sentence will not be passed upon Cacciatori until tomorrow, it is generally believed that the state will demand and receive the death sentence. Cacciatori, however, will not be allowed the honor of a firing squad,

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due to his reputed acts of cowardice. Instead, he will be stripped of all military rank and forced to eat his own pizzas until dead. A cruel fate, no doubt.

Paris - According to the wife of the French President, yesterday's reports of a Cabinet shakeup were exaggerated. She said that the President had indeed, out of frustration, banged his head repeatedly against the china cabinet. However, the shaking of the cabinet did not break every dish within it, as was reported yesterday. One place setting survived.

Madrid - Russian (!?) forces today arrived in the capital, seeking, so it is claimed, directions to Italy. The Russian commander displayed a map sent to the Tsar by someone named "Cacciatori" which apparently located Italy in the general vicinity of the Marianas Trench.

The commander indicated that as long as he was here, his forces intended to do a little sightseeing around the local military installations and furthermore, all government officials were invited by the Tsar for an all-expense paid vacation in Siberia, "hobnobbing with the leaders of the rest of Europe", as the commander put it. Russian troops were later seen about the city "delivering the invitations personally", as the commander put it. 100% acceptance was predicted.

General Giovanni Cacciatori to the 1981C Italian government -

Dear Sir - I have dutifully and faithfully served Italy with distinction in the past, but I fear that certain detractors may be my ruin in the 1978 FK. I hereby offer my services to your newly formed Italian government, and assure you that I will serve you with as much honor and distinction as I have served Italy in the past. I hereby request that you accept this offer which will bring you much advantage. I also implore you to rescue me from my present predicament in the 1978 FK before I am forced to eat my own pizza recipe to the death. Should you be able to effect my escape, I will always remain... your humble servant, /s/General G. Cacciatori

Hazel Park to World - I've heard of cross-gaming before, but cross-game press is a new one on me...

St. Petersburg - The Tsar today predicted an early end to the European conflict. "Leaders from all over Europe will be convening shortly at my vacation retreat in Siberia to announce formal Russian annexation of a number of territories into the Empire. Translators will be made available to each delegate for the purpose of casting their vote in Russian." Most commentators expected few "nyet"s.

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#### WS & IM Challenge

#### BRITISH FLAGSHIP STRIKES!

Turn 4

Boarding Prep: No new actions. (1201 & 2101 are still engaged here)

#### Combat:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Swann 1202 at L'Guerri 2104 (t0, rig)                         | C      |
| Webster 1203 at L'Guerro 2105 (t2, rig)                       | 2R-C   |
| Stallworth 1204 at le Fum 2202 (t3, rig)                      | 2R-G   |
| Harris 1205 at le Fume 2106 (t2, rig)                         | 2R     |
| L'Guerra 2102 at Swann 1202 (t5, rig)                         | 8R-H   |
| L'Guerre 2103 at Swann 1202 - field of fire is blocked...     |        |
| L'Guerro 2105 at Webster 1203 (t3, hull)                      | 2H     |
| le Flame 2101 at Bradshaw 1201 (t8, hull) Bradshaw Strikes!!! | 5H-R-C |
| le Fum 2202 at Stallworth 1204 (t1, rig)                      | 2R     |
| le Fume 2106 at Stallworth 1204 (t3, rig)                     | 3R     |

No Melee due to Bradshaw's striking...

British (Roy Henricks)

#### Sqn Black

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Bradshaw 1201 struck. | Z19/3xx  |
| Swann 1202            | U19/5    |
| Webster 1203          | X17/5    |
| Stallworth 1204       | W15/5    |
| Harris 1205           | FS V13/5 |

#### Sqn Gold

|                 |    |       |
|-----------------|----|-------|
| Lambert 1206    | FS | V11/5 |
| Bahr 1207       | FS | V9/5  |
| Ham 1208        | FS | V7/5  |
| Greene 1209     | FS | V5/5  |
| Banaszczak 1210 | FS | V3/5  |

Bradshaw is fouled with le Flame 2101

Stallworth's attempt to raise FS failed; she's lost a full rigging section.

(French positions and press on facing page, darn it...)

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1979 HW

I CAN'T THINK OF A GOOD HEADLINE

Fall, 1904

So I Typed This, Instead

Austria (Tom Thornsens): a ser-BUL; a RUM s a ser-bul; f GRE s a ser-bul; f ALB-ion; a GAL s German a war; a VEN holds, expecting a French attempt to subjugate the freedom loving peoples of the Piedmont.

England (Dan Palter): f NWG-nth; f nth\*hol; a BEL s f nth-hol.

France (Jim Moir): a GAS-bur; f ENG-nth; f NAT holds; f wes-TUN; a mar-PIE; a LON holds.

Germany (Kevin Mooney): a FIN-stp; f nwy-NTH; f DEN s f nwy-nth; a MUN-bur; a KIE-hol; a RUH s a kie-hol; a WAR holds.

Italy (Mike Steagall): f tyh-LYO; a rom-TUS; f EAS-ion.

Russia (Ron Kelly): f BAR s a stp; a UKR-war; a MOS s a ukr-war; a STP s a mos.

Turkey (Steve D'Alessandro): a bul\*s f con; f CON s a bul; a SMY s f con; a syr-ARM.

## Supply Center Chart

Austria tri vie ser gre ven bud rum bul (8) build 2

England lpl edi bel (3) even

France bre mar par spa por lon tun (7) build 1

Germany ber mun hol den swe war kie nwy (8) build 1

Italy rom nap ~~xxx~~ (2) remove 1

Russia mos sev stp ~~xxx~~ (3) remove 1

Turkey con ank smy ~~xxx~~ (3) even

English f nth must retreat to edi, hel, ska, yor, or otb; Turkish a bul is annihilated.

Deadline for Winter 1904/Spring 1905 orders is 10:30 p.m. EST on Friday, March 27, 1981. Press follows.

Germany to France - I don't trust people I don't hear from.

Russia - Help free Rudolf Hess. To assist in this worthy cause, send your contributions to The Last Battalion, PO Box 156, Verdun 19, Quebec, CANADA.

Ankara - Things will liven up soon in ways unfavorable to Turkey.

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French (John Caruso and Steve Heinowski) (from facing page)

Sqn Alpha (Caruso)Sqn Beta (Heinowski)

|               |    |          |                      |          |
|---------------|----|----------|----------------------|----------|
| L'Guerra 2102 | FS | S25/6    | <u>1e Flame 2101</u> | AA21/4xx |
| L'Guerre 2103 |    | W26/5    | 1e Fume 2106         | FF16/5x  |
| L'Guerri 2104 |    | AA23/4xx | 1e Frume 2201        | II16/5xx |
| L'Guerro 2105 |    | BB19/5xx | 1e Fum 2202          | DD18/5xx |
|               |    |          | 1e Dung 2301         | FS X26/5 |

1e Flame 2101 is fouled with Bradshaw 1201. Unfouling attempt failed.

Deadline for Turn 5 orders is Tuesday, March 24, 1981. Press follows.

1e Dung to L'Guerra - Normally I would say asking for a concession this early is uncalled for; but in this case...

Lorain to Pennsylvania - Is this the same person who chastized a C-H WS game for lackluster moves. I've seen more interesting turkey shoots. Speaking of which, when do you plan on surrendering - we all know what happens to your guys when Bradshaw goes down.

1e Flame - The Admiral boldly placed his colors on a broken spar and had it hoisted atop Bradshaw's mainmast, saying to his men, "When this farce ends, we'll all become rich. Everyone knows what a good British prize is worth these days..." From somewhere among the masses came the response..."a good two pence."



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### Contest Corner

The March contest features the first of several contributions that Don Del Grande sent in quite a while back. I figure that I'd better use a couple soon - Don's already ticked over being left out of 1981 C, and if he gets any madder I might be denounced in the pages of Life of Monty (horrors!). Worse yet, my team might lose its first round match in the Dip Bowl...by the way, Don, which team am I on?

Anyway, here goes...

A flower is growing straight up from a small pool of water. The stem extends 10 inches above the water's surface when the flower stands up. If the flower is bent down, the top of the stem cuts the water 21 inches away from where the flower originally stuck out of the water.

How deep is the water where the flower is growing?

The Fake Contest is still going - to enter, fake an issue of Jihad, Envoy, or Lone Star Diplomat and send me both three copies and verification of the perpetrator - but I've made a couple of minor changes, thanks to some valid criticisms made by Jack Masters in Black Frog #36.

The new deadline for the contest is July 1st, 1981. This will ensure that people have a reasonable amount of time to work, if they really want to.

As for the prize not being an incentive - there's no way to adequately "compensate" for the time, ingenuity, and out of pocket costs of a good fake, Jack. You of all people should know that. I think a \$40 prize (two years each of Jihad and Envoy) is not to be sneezed at, but the primary reward is the same thing it's always been - the challenge, and the egoboo.

Incidentally, some people have asked why I'm running this particular contest. My original motive, I now admit, was to provide a cover for my own fake of one or more of the above, but economics has ruled that out for the present. I continue the contest for three other reasons:

1. To show, in my own way, my appreciation of the creative talents present in the hobby today.

2. The three zines involved are all personal favorites, which I would perforce particularly enjoy a good fake of. (It's also true that both of the other pubbers of said zines have expressed interest in seeing fakes of their zines.)

3. I'm hoping to direct attention away from the faking of first issues of non-existent zines, which I find to be a misleading practice. I laugh a lot at these, of course, but I know novices who were misled accidentally by some of these as well.

This article's getting to be too serious for its own good. Enough!

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### Looking at Next Month

I didn't have space for a game review this time - but I'll have three or four of them in the next issue (probably including Voyage of the B.S.M. Pandora and Campaigns of Napoleon).

The Bourse rules for my international game will also be in JIHAD #12, and I may have a Dip variant reprint to boot.

Finally, there's almost certain to be another gamestart or two - but I don't intend to start more than three, even if more fill. The extras, if any, are just gonna have to wait a month - which won't be a hardship if the games in question have been waiting 4-6 months already, anyway.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you who are playing here - I haven't had to call a standby in four months. Keep up the good work - I'll see you in April. Don't make fools of yourselves on the 1st...

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